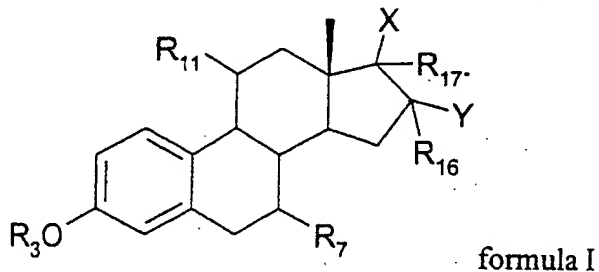


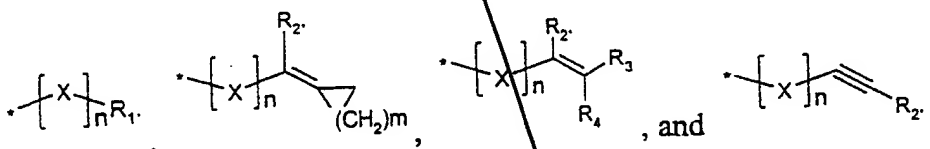
1. (amended) A steroid compound satisfying the following structural formula:



wherein:

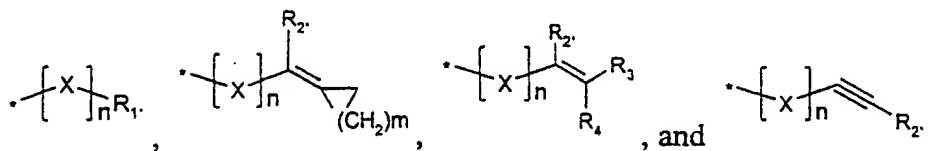
one of X and Y is OH, the other being H;  
 R<sub>3</sub> is H or COR'<sub>3</sub>, with R'<sub>3</sub> being alkyl or aryl;  
 R<sub>7</sub>, R<sub>16</sub>, and R<sub>17</sub> each independently are H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or aryl; R<sub>11</sub> is a hydrocarbon group, which may be linear or branched, comprising one single linear chain having a length of from 5 to 9 carbon atoms as the longest chain on carbon atom no. 11 of the steroid skeleton, wherein said chain may be saturated or unsaturated.

2. (amended) A steroid compound according to claim 1, wherein R<sub>11</sub> is selected from the following group of side-chain structures:



wherein X is CH<sub>2</sub>, CH-alkyl or C(alkyl)<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>1</sub> is H, alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> cycloalkyl or together with X forms a C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> ring system, R<sub>2</sub> is H, alkyl or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> cycloalkyl, R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> each independently are H, alkyl or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> cycloalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted with

2. (amended) A steroid compound according to claim 1, [characterised in that] wherein R<sub>11</sub> is selected from the following group of side-chain structures:



wherein X is CH<sub>2</sub>, CH-alkyl[,] or C(alkyl)<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>1</sub> is H, alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> cycloalkyl[,] or together with X forms a C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> ring system, R<sub>2</sub> is H, alkyl[,] or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> cycloalkyl, R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> each independently are H, alkyl[,] or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> cycloalkyl [optionally], unsubstituted or substituted with halogen or CN, n is an integer of from 0-9, m is an integer of from 1-5.

3. (amended) A steroid compound according to claim 1, [characterised in that] wherein the longest chain in R<sub>11</sub> comprises 5-7 carbon atoms.

4. (amended) A steroid compound according to claim 3, [characterised in that] wherein the longest chain in R<sub>11</sub> comprises 5 carbon atoms.

5. (amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a steroid compound according to [any one of the preceding claims,] claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable [auxiliaries] auxiliary.